

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

The applicant's attorneys appreciate the Examiner's thorough search and remarks.

Claims 17-37 have been canceled without prejudice.

Claims 1 and 38 have been rejected as anticipated by Nishio et al., U.S. Patent No. 6,437,502. Reconsideration is requested.

Claims 1 and 38 are directed at a CFLP (compact fluorescent lamp package) in which the ballast circuit is disposed within a base member that is also used as the external connector for the ballast circuit. Claims 1 and 38 further call for a thermally conductive body disposed within the base to thermally connect the ballast circuit to the base, whereby the base can also function as a heatsink. An advantage of using the base as a heatsink is that heat may be transferred to the metal elements of the electrical socket (which receives the base) when the CFLP is in use. Thus, the metal portions of the electrical socket as well as wires connected to the electrical socket may be employed to dissipate the heat when the CFLP is in use.

As recognized in paragraph 8 of the Office Action, Nishio et al. do not teach or suggest a thermally conductive body as called for by claims 1 and 38. It has been stated, however, that Nomoto et al. teaches such a feature.

Nomoto et al. shows a thermally conductive body 6. The thermally conductive body 6, however, does not thermally connect the heat generating components to the base 2. Rather, it teaches connecting the heat generating components to an outer casing 1, which is distinct from the base 2. Thus, if the teaching of Nomoto et al. is combined with the teaching of Nishio et al. the resulting CFLP includes a thermally conductive body in contact with an outer casing (which is casing 14 in Nishio et al.), and not the base portion 12. It follows, therefore, that the combination of Nishio et al. and Nomoto et al. does not result in the subject matter of claims 1 and 38. Reconsideration is requested.

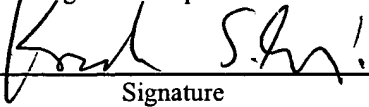
Each of the remaining claims depends from either claim 1 or claim 38. Each of the remaining claims includes additional limitations which in combination with those of its base claims are not shown or suggested by the art of record. Reconsideration is requested.

The application is believed to be in condition for allowance. Such allowance is earnestly solicited.

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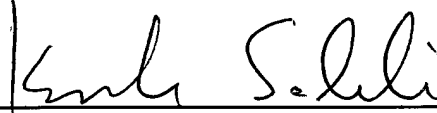
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